

1           **SECTION 109.** 19.42 (11s) of the statutes is created to read:

2           19.42 (11s) "Procurement" means the purchase of materials, supplies,  
3           equipment, or contractual services *exceeding the total value of \$50,000*

4           **SECTION 110.** 19.45 (8) (b) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

5           19.45 (8) (b) No former state public official, for 12 months following the date  
6           on which he or she ceases to be a state public official, may, for compensation, on behalf  
7           of any person other than a governmental entity, make any formal or informal  
8           appearance before, or negotiate with, any officer or employee of a department in  
9           connection with any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding, application, contract,  
10          proposed procurement, claim, or charge which might give rise to a judicial or  
11          quasi-judicial proceeding which was under the former official's responsibility as a  
12          state public official within 12 months prior to the date on which he or she ceased to  
13          be a state public official.

14          (c) No former state public official may, for compensation, act on behalf of any  
15          party other than the state in connection with any judicial or quasi-judicial  
16          proceeding, application, contract, proposed procurement, claim, or charge which  
17          might give rise to a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding in which the former official  
18          participated personally and substantially as a state public official.

19          **SECTION 111.** 24.66 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20          24.66 (3) (b) *For long-term loans by unified school districts.* Every application  
21          for a loan, the required repayment of which exceeds 10 years, shall be approved and  
22          authorized for a unified school district by a majority vote of the members of the school  
23          board at a regular or special meeting of the school board. Every vote so required shall  
24          be by ayes and noes duly recorded. In addition, the application shall be approved for

1 a unified school district by a majority vote of the electors of the school district at ~~a~~  
2 ~~special~~ an election as provided under sub. (4).

3 **SECTION 112.** 24.66 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 24.66 (4) POPULAR VOTE, WHEN REQUIRED. If any municipality is not empowered  
5 by law to incur indebtedness for a particular purpose without first submitting the  
6 question to its electors, the application for a state trust fund loan for that purpose  
7 must be approved and authorized by a majority vote of the electors at ~~a special~~ an  
8 election ~~called,~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and noticed and held in the manner  
9 provided for other ~~special elections~~ referendums. The question to be voted on shall  
10 be filed as provided in s. 8.37. The notice of the ~~election~~ referendum shall state the  
11 amount of the proposed loan and the purpose for which it will be used.

12 **SECTION 113.** 32.72 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 32.72 (1) Sections 32.50 to 32.71 do not take effect in any city until the following  
14 question is submitted to the electors of the city at ~~a special~~ an election, authorized  
15 under s. 8.065 (2), and adopted by a majority vote of the electors voting: "Shall  
16 subchapter II of chapter 32, Wisconsin Statutes, be effective in the city of .....,  
17 thus allowing the city to acquire and condemn property for street widening and  
18 similar purposes, financed through assessments of benefits and damages?". The  
19 question shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37.

20 **SECTION 114.** 38.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 38.15 (1) Subject to sub. (3), if the district board intends to make a capital  
22 expenditure in excess of \$1,500,000, excluding moneys received from gifts, grants or  
23 federal funds, for the acquisition of sites; the purchase or construction of buildings;;  
24 the lease/purchase of buildings if costs exceed \$1,500,000 for the lifetime of the lease;;  
25 building additions or enlargements; or the purchase of fixed equipment relating to

1 any such activity, it shall adopt a resolution stating its intention to do so and  
2 identifying the anticipated source of revenue for each project and shall submit the  
3 resolution to the electors of the district for approval. The referendum may be held  
4 at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and shall be noticed, called, and  
5 conducted as provided in s. 67.05 (3) insofar as applicable. For the purposes of this  
6 section, all projects located on a single campus site within one district which are bid  
7 concurrently or which are approved by the board under s. 38.04 (10) within a 2-year  
8 period shall be considered as one capital expenditure project.

9 **SECTION 115.** 38.16 (3) (br) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 38.16 (3) (br) 1. If a district board wishes to exceed the limit under par. (b)  
11 otherwise applicable to the district in 2011 or 2012, it shall adopt a resolution  
12 supporting inclusion in the final district budget of an amount equal to the proposed  
13 excess levy. The resolution shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. Within 10 days after  
14 adopting the resolution, the district board shall submit a copy of the resolution to the  
15 board and shall notify the board of the scheduled date of the referendum ~~and submit~~  
16 ~~a copy of the resolution to the board. The district board shall call a special~~  
17 ~~referendum to be called~~ for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors  
18 of the district for approval or rejection. ~~In lieu of a special referendum, the district~~  
19 ~~board may specify that the~~ The referendum shall be held at the next succeeding  
20 ~~spring primary or election or partisan primary or general election, if such election~~  
21 ~~is to be held~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not sooner than 42 days after  
22 the filing of the resolution of the district board. The district board shall certify the  
23 results of the referendum to the board within 10 days after the referendum is held.

24 **SECTION 116.** 59.08 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           59.08 (7) (b) The question of the consolidation of the counties shall be submitted  
2     to the voters at the next election ~~to be held on the first Tuesday in April, or the next~~  
3     ~~regular election, or at a special election~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) to be held on  
4     ~~the day fixed in a date specified in the order issued under par. (a), which day date~~  
5     shall be no sooner than 70 days from the completion of the consolidation agreement  
6     and which date shall be the same in each of the counties proposing to consolidate.  
7     A copy of the order shall be filed with the county clerk of each of the counties as  
8     provided in s. 8.37. ~~If the question of consolidation is submitted at a special election,~~  
9     ~~it shall be held not less than 70 days nor more than 88 days from the completion of~~  
10    ~~the consolidation agreement, but not within 60 days of any spring or general election.~~

11           **SECTION 117.** 59.605 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

12           59.605 (3) (a) 1. If the governing body of a county wishes to exceed the operating  
13    levy rate limit otherwise applicable to the county under this section, it shall adopt  
14    a resolution to that effect. The resolution shall specify either the operating levy rate  
15    or the operating levy that the governing body wishes to impose for either a specified  
16    number of years or an indefinite period. The governing body shall ~~call a special~~  
17    ~~referendum for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the county~~  
18    ~~for approval or rejection. In lieu of a special referendum, the governing body may~~  
19    ~~specify that~~ provide for the referendum to be held at the next ~~succeeding spring~~  
20    ~~primary or election or partisan primary or general election to be held~~ authorized  
21    under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not earlier than 70 days after the adoption of the  
22    resolution of the governing body. The governing body shall file the resolution to be  
23    submitted to the electors as provided in s. 8.37.

24           **SECTION 118.** 60.62 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           60.62 (2) If the county in which the town is located has enacted a zoning  
2 ordinance under s. 59.69, the exercise of the authority under sub. (1) is subject to  
3 approval by the town meeting or by a referendum vote of the electors of the town to  
4 be held at the time of any regular or special an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).  
5 The question for the referendum vote shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37.

6           **SECTION 119.** 60.74 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           60.74 (5) (b) A petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40, signed by  
8 qualified electors of the district equal to at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the vote cast for  
9 governor in the district at the last gubernatorial election, and requesting a change  
10 to appointment of commissioners, may be submitted to the town board, subject to  
11 sub. (5m) (a). The petition shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. Upon receipt of the  
12 petition, the town board shall submit the question to the electors at a referendum to  
13 be held at the next regular spring election or general election, or shall call a special  
14 an election for that purpose authorized under s. 8.065 (2). The inspectors shall count  
15 the votes and submit a statement of the results to the commission. The commission  
16 shall canvass the results of the election and certify the results to the town board  
17 which has authority to appoint commissioners.

18           **SECTION 120.** 61.187 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           61.187 (1) PROCEDURE. Whenever a petition conforming to the requirements  
20 of s. 8.40, signed by at least one-third as many electors of any village as voted for  
21 village officers at the next preceding election for village officers in that village, shall  
22 be presented to the village board, and filed as provided in s. 8.37, praying for  
23 dissolution of the village, the village board shall submit to the electors of the village  
24 the question whether or not the village shall be dissolved. The question shall be  
25 determined by ballot, in substantially the manner provided by ss. 5.64 (2) and 10.02,

1 at ~~a general~~ an election ~~or at a special election called by the village board for that~~  
2 ~~purpose~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

3 **SECTION 121.** 61.46 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 61.46 (1) GENERAL; LIMITATION. The village board shall, on or before December  
5 15 in each year, by resolution to be entered of record, determine the amount of  
6 corporation taxes to be levied and assessed on the taxable property in such village  
7 for the current year. Before levying any tax for any specified purpose, exceeding one  
8 percent of the assessed valuation aforesaid, the village board shall, and in all other  
9 cases may in its discretion, submit the question of levying the same to the village  
10 electors at ~~any general or special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) by giving  
11 10 days' notice thereof prior to such election by publication in a newspaper published  
12 in the village, if any, and if there is none, then by posting notices in 3 public places  
13 in said village, setting forth in such notices the object and purposes for which such  
14 taxes are to be raised and the amount of the proposed tax. The village board shall  
15 file the question as provided in s. 8.37.

16 **SECTION 122.** 62.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 62.09 (1) (a) The officers shall be a mayor, treasurer, clerk, comptroller,  
18 attorney, engineer, one or more assessors unless the city is assessed by a county  
19 assessor under s. 70.99, one or more constables as determined by the common  
20 council, a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or local board of health, as  
21 defined in s. 250.01 (3), street commissioner, board of police and fire commissioners  
22 except in cities where not applicable, chief of police except in a city where it is not  
23 applicable, chief of the fire department except in a city where it is not applicable, chief  
24 of a combined protective services department except in a city where it is not  
25 applicable, board of public works, 2 alderpersons from each aldermanic district, and

1 such other officers or boards as are created by law or by the council. If one  
2 alderperson from each aldermanic district is provided under s. 66.0211 (1), the  
3 council may, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote of all its members and  
4 approved by the electors at ~~a general or special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065  
5 (2), provide that there shall be 2 alderpersons from each aldermanic district. If a city  
6 creates a combined protective services department under s. 62.13 (2e) (a) 1., it shall  
7 create the office of chief of such a department and shall abolish the offices of chief of  
8 police and chief of the fire department.

9 **SECTION 123.** 62.13 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 62.13 (6) (b) The provisions of this subsection shall apply only if adopted by the  
11 electors. Whenever not less than 70 days prior to ~~a regular city~~ an election specified  
12 under s. 8.065 (2) a petition therefor, conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 and  
13 signed by electors equal in number to not less than ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the total vote  
14 cast in the city for governor at the last general election, shall be filed with the clerk  
15 as provided in s. 8.37, the clerk shall give notice in the manner of notice of the regular  
16 city election of a referendum on the adoption of this subsection. Such referendum  
17 election shall be held with ~~the regular city~~ an election, and authorized under s. 8.065  
18 (2), the ballots shall conform with the provisions of ss. 5.64 (2) and 10.02, and the  
19 question shall be “Shall s. 62.13 (6) of the statutes be adopted?”

20 **SECTION 124.** 64.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 64.03 (1) Every ordinance or resolution for the adoption of ss. 64.01 to 64.15,  
22 and every petition for a ~~special~~ referendum election on the same, shall state the  
23 number of members of which the council herein provided for shall be composed, the  
24 term of office of its members, which term shall not exceed 2 years, whether they shall

1 be nominated and elected from aldermanic districts or from the city at large, and the  
2 compensation, if any, which they shall receive.

3 **SECTION 125.** 64.39 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 64.39 (3) Upon filing such petition, the mayor shall, by proclamation, submit  
5 the questions prescribed in sub. (1) at ~~a special~~ an election ~~to be held at a time~~  
6 ~~specified therein and within 2 months after such petition is filed~~ authorized under  
7 s. 8.065 (2). The election upon such question shall be conducted, the vote canvassed,  
8 and the result declared in the same manner as provided by law for other city  
9 elections.

10 **SECTION 126.** 66.0101 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 66.0101 (8) A charter ordinance enacted or approved by a vote of the electors  
12 controls over any prior or subsequent act of the legislative body of the city or village.  
13 If the electors of any city or village by a majority vote have adopted or determined  
14 to continue to operate under either ch. 62 or 64, or have determined the method of  
15 selection of members of the governing board, the question shall not again be  
16 submitted to the electors, nor action taken on the question, within a period of 2 years.  
17 Any election to change or amend the charter of any city or village, other than ~~a~~  
18 ~~special~~ an election ~~as provided in~~ called under s. 9.20 (4), shall be held at the time  
19 provided by statute for holding the spring election.

20 **SECTION 127.** 66.0211 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 66.0211 (1) ORDER. The circuit court's order for an incorporation referendum  
22 shall specify the voting place and the date of the referendum, which shall be ~~not less~~  
23 ~~than 6 weeks from the date of the order~~ scheduled in accordance with s. 8.065 (2), and  
24 name 3 inspectors of election. If the order is for a city incorporation referendum the  
25 order shall further specify that 7 alderpersons shall be elected at large from the



1 proposed city. The city council at its first meeting shall determine the number and  
2 boundaries of wards in compliance with s. 5.15 (1) and (2), and the combination of  
3 wards into aldermanic districts. The number of alderpersons per aldermanic district  
4 shall be determined by charter ordinance.

5 **SECTION 128.** 66.0213 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 66.0213 (6) REORGANIZATION OF CITY AS VILLAGE. If the population of any city falls  
7 below 1,000 as determined by the United States census, the council may upon filing  
8 of a petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 containing the signatures of  
9 at least ~~15%~~ 15 percent of the electors submit at ~~any general or city~~ an election  
10 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) the question whether the city shall reorganize as a  
11 village. If three-fifths of the votes cast on the question are for reorganization the  
12 mayor and council shall record the return in the office of the register of deeds, file a  
13 certified copy with the clerk of the circuit court, and immediately call an election, to  
14 be conducted as are village elections, for the election of village officers. Upon the  
15 qualification of the officers, the board of trustees shall declare the city reorganized  
16 as a village, and the reorganization is effective. The clerk shall certify a copy of the  
17 declaration to the secretary of state who shall file the declaration and endorse a  
18 memorandum of the declaration on the record of the certificate of incorporation of the  
19 city. Rights and liabilities of the city continue in favor of or against the village.  
20 Ordinances, so far as within the power of the village, remain in force until changed.

21 **SECTION 129.** 66.0215 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 66.0215 (2) REFERENDUM. At the next regular meeting of the town board  
23 following the filing of the petition under sub. (1), the board by resolution shall provide  
24 for a referendum by the electors of the town, which shall be scheduled in accordance  
25 with s. 8.065 (2). The resolution shall conform to the requirements of s. 5.15 (1) and

1 (2) and shall determine the numbers and boundaries of each ward of the proposed  
2 city and the time of voting, which may not be earlier than 6 weeks after the adoption  
3 of the resolution. The resolution may direct that a census be taken of the resident  
4 population of the territory on a day not more than 10 weeks previous to the date of  
5 the election, exhibiting the name of every head of a family and the name of every  
6 person who is a resident in good faith of the territory on that day, and the lot or  
7 quarter section of land on which that person resides, which shall be verified by the  
8 affixed affidavit of the person taking the census.

9 **SECTION 130.** 66.0217 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 66.0217 (3) (b) *Annexation by referendum.* A petition for a referendum on the  
11 question of annexation may be filed with the city or village clerk signed by a number  
12 of qualified electors residing in the territory equal to at least 20% 20 percent of the  
13 votes cast for governor in the territory at the last gubernatorial election, and the  
14 owners of at least 50% 50 percent of the real property either in area or assessed value.  
15 The petition shall conform to the requirements of s. 8.40. The referendum shall be  
16 scheduled in accordance with s. 8.065 (2).

17 **SECTION 131.** 66.0217 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 66.0217 (7) (a) 3. If the notice indicates that the petition is for a referendum  
19 on the question of annexation, the clerk of the city or village shall file the notice as  
20 provided in s. 8.37. If the notice indicates that the petition is for a referendum on the  
21 question of annexation, the town clerk shall give notice as provided in par. (c) of a  
22 referendum of the electors residing in the area proposed for annexation to be held at  
23 the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor~~  
24 ~~more than 100 days~~ after the date of personal service or mailing of the notice required  
25 under this paragraph. If the notice indicates that the petition is for direct

1 annexation, no referendum shall be held unless within 30 days after the date of  
2 personal service or mailing of the notice required under this paragraph, a petition  
3 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 requesting a referendum is filed with the  
4 town clerk as provided in s. 8.37, signed by at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the electors  
5 residing in the area proposed to be annexed. If a petition requesting a referendum  
6 is filed, the clerk shall give notice as provided in par. (c) of a referendum of the electors  
7 residing in the area proposed for annexation to be held at the next election authorized  
8 under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after the  
9 receipt of the petition, and shall mail a copy of the notice to the clerk of the city or  
10 village to which the annexation is proposed. The referendum shall be held at a  
11 convenient place within the town to be specified in the notice.

12 **SECTION 132.** 66.0217 (7) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 66.0217 (7) (d) *How conducted.* The referendum shall be conducted by the town  
14 election officials ~~but the town board may reduce the number of election officials for~~  
15 ~~that election.~~ The ballots shall contain the words “For annexation” and “Against  
16 annexation” and shall otherwise conform to the provisions of s. 5.64 (2). The election  
17 shall be conducted as are other town elections in accordance with chs. 6 and 7 to the  
18 extent applicable.

19 **SECTION 133.** 66.0219 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 66.0219 (4) (b) The referendum election shall be held at the next election  
21 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~  
22 ~~days~~ after the filing of the order as provided in s. 8.37, in the territory proposed for  
23 annexation, by the electors of that territory as provided in s. 66.0217 (7), so far as  
24 applicable. The ballots shall contain the words “For Annexation” and “Against  
25 Annexation”. The certification of the election inspectors shall be filed with the clerk

1 of the court, and the clerk of any municipality involved, but need not be filed or  
2 recorded with the register of deeds.

3 **SECTION 134.** 66.0225 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 66.0225 (2) CONTESTED ANNEXATIONS. Any 2 municipalities whose boundaries  
5 are immediately adjacent at any point and who are parties to an action, proceeding,  
6 or appeal in court for the purpose of testing the validity of an annexation may enter  
7 into a written stipulation, compromising and settling the litigation and determining  
8 the portion of the common boundary line between the municipalities that is the  
9 subject of the annexation. The court having jurisdiction of the litigation, whether the  
10 circuit court, the court of appeals, or the supreme court, may enter a final judgment  
11 incorporating the provisions of the stipulation and fixing the common boundary line  
12 between the municipalities involved. A stipulation changing boundaries of  
13 municipalities shall be approved by the governing body of each municipality and s.  
14 66.0217 (9) and (11) shall apply. A change of municipal boundaries under this section  
15 is subject to a referendum of the electors residing within the territory whose  
16 jurisdiction is subject to change under the stipulation, if within 30 days after the  
17 publication of the stipulation to change boundaries in a newspaper of general  
18 circulation in that territory, a petition for a referendum conforming to the  
19 requirements of s. 8.40 signed by at least 20% 20 percent of the electors residing  
20 within that territory is filed with the clerk of the municipality from which the greater  
21 area is proposed to be removed and is filed as provided in s. 8.37. The referendum  
22 shall be held at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and conducted as are  
23 annexation referenda. If the referendum election fails, all proceedings under this  
24 section are void.

25 **SECTION 135.** 66.0227 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           66.0227 (3) The governing body of a city, village, or town involved may, ~~or if~~  
2       submit the question to the electors of the city, village, or town whose electors  
3       petitioned for detachment at a referendum election called for that purpose. If a  
4       petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40, signed by a number of qualified  
5       electors equal to at least ~~5%~~ 5 percent of the votes cast for governor in the city, village,  
6       or town at the last gubernatorial election, and demanding a referendum, is presented  
7       to ~~it~~ the governing body of a city, village, or town involved within 30 days after the  
8       passage of either of the ordinances under sub. (2), the governing body shall, submit  
9       the question to the electors of the city, village, or town whose electors petitioned for  
10      detachment, at a referendum election called for that purpose. A referendum called  
11      under this subsection shall be held at the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2)  
12      that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after the filing of the  
13      petition, or after the enactment of either ordinance. The petition shall be filed as  
14      provided in s. 8.37. If a number of electors cannot be determined on the basis of  
15      reported election statistics, the number shall be determined in accordance with s.  
16      60.74 (6). The governing body of the municipality shall appoint 3 election inspectors  
17      who are resident electors to supervise the referendum. The ballots shall contain the  
18      words “For Detachment” and “Against Detachment”. The inspectors shall certify the  
19      results of the election by their attached affidavits and file a copy with the clerk of each  
20      town, village, or city involved, and none of the ordinances may take effect nor be in  
21      force unless a majority of the electors approve the question. The referendum election  
22      shall be conducted in accordance with chs. 6 and 7 to the extent applicable.

23           **SECTION 136.** 66.0305 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           66.0305 (6) (b) The advisory referendum shall be held at the next election  
25      authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~

1 days after adoption of the resolution under par. (a) calling for the referendum or not  
2 less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after receipt of the petition under par. (a)  
3 by the municipal or county clerk. The municipal or county clerk shall give notice of  
4 the referendum by publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
5 political subdivision, both on the publication day next preceding the advisory  
6 referendum election and one week prior to that publication date.

7 **SECTION 137.** 66.0307 (4) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 66.0307 (4) (e) 2. The advisory referendum shall be held at the next election  
9 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~  
10 ~~days~~ after adoption of the resolution under subd. 1. calling for the referendum or not  
11 less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after receipt of the petition by the  
12 municipal clerk. The municipal clerk shall give notice of the referendum by  
13 publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality, both  
14 on the publication day next preceding the advisory referendum election and one  
15 week prior to that publication date.

16 **SECTION 138.** 66.0602 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 66.0602 (4) (a) A political subdivision may exceed the levy increase limit under  
18 sub. (2) if its governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution  
19 is ~~approved in~~ submitted to the electors of the political subdivision for approval or  
20 rejection at a referendum. The resolution shall specify the proposed amount of  
21 increase in the levy beyond the amount that is allowed under sub. (2), and shall  
22 specify whether the proposed amount of increase is for the next fiscal year only or if  
23 it will apply on an ongoing basis. ~~With regard to a referendum relating to the 2005~~  
24 ~~levy, or any levy in an odd-numbered year thereafter, the political subdivision may~~  
25 ~~call a special referendum for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors~~

1 ~~of the political subdivision for approval or rejection. With regard to a referendum~~  
2 ~~relating to the 2006 levy, or any levy in an even-numbered year thereafter, the~~ The  
3 political subdivision shall hold the referendum shall be held at the next succeeding  
4 ~~spring primary or election or partisan primary or general election~~ authorized under  
5 s. 8.065 (2).

6 **SECTION 139.** 66.0619 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 66.0619 (2m) (b) If a referendum is to be held on a resolution, the municipal  
8 governing body shall file the resolution as provided in s. 8.37 and shall direct the  
9 municipal clerk to ~~call a special election for the purpose of submitting~~ submit the  
10 resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at a referendum ~~on approval or~~  
11 ~~rejection. In lieu of a special election, the municipal governing body may specify that~~  
12 ~~the election be held at the next succeeding spring primary or election or partisan~~  
13 ~~primary or general~~ held at the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

14 **SECTION 140.** 66.0815 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 66.0815 (1) (c) An ordinance under sub. (1) may not take effect until 60 days  
16 after passage and publication unless sooner approved by a referendum. Within the  
17 60-day period electors equal in number to ~~20%~~ 20 percent of those voting at the last  
18 regular municipal election may file a petition requesting a referendum. The petition  
19 shall be in writing and filed with the clerk and as provided in s. 8.37. The petition  
20 shall conform to the requirements of s. 8.40. Each signer shall state his or her  
21 residence and signatures shall be verified by the affidavit of an elector. The  
22 referendum shall be held at ~~the next regular municipal~~ an election, ~~or at a special~~  
23 ~~election within 90 days of the filing of the petition~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2). The  
24 ordinance may not take effect unless approved by a majority of the votes cast. This

1 paragraph does not apply to extensions by a utility previously franchised by the  
2 village, city, or town.

3 **SECTION 141.** 66.0921 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 66.0921 (2) FACILITIES AUTHORIZED. A municipality may enter into a joint  
5 contract with a nonprofit corporation organized for civic purposes and located in the  
6 municipality to construct or otherwise acquire, equip, furnish, operate and maintain  
7 a facility to be used for municipal and civic activities if a majority of the voters voting  
8 in a referendum at ~~a special election or at a spring primary or election or partisan~~  
9 ~~primary or general~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) approve the question of  
10 entering into the joint contract.

11 **SECTION 142.** 66.1103 (10) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 66.1103 (10) (d) The governing body may issue bonds under this section  
13 without submitting the proposition to the electors of the municipality or county for  
14 approval unless within 30 days from the date of publication of notice of adoption of  
15 the initial resolution for the bonds, a petition conforming to the requirements of s.  
16 8.40, signed by not less than ~~5%~~ 5 percent of the registered electors of the  
17 municipality or county, or, if there is no registration of electors in the municipality  
18 or county, by ~~10%~~ 10 percent of the number of electors of the municipality or county  
19 voting for the office of governor at the last general election as determined under s.  
20 115.01 (13), is filed with the clerk of the municipality or county and as provided in  
21 s. 8.37 requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the bonds. If  
22 a petition is filed, the bonds may not be issued until approved by a majority of the  
23 electors of the municipality or county voting on the referendum at ~~a general or~~  
24 ~~special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

25 **SECTION 143.** 66.1113 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:



1           66.1113 (2) (g) The village of Sister Bay may enact an ordinance or adopt a  
2 resolution declaring itself to be a premier resort area under par. (a) even if less than  
3 40 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within Sister Bay  
4 is used by tourism-related retailers. The village may not impose the tax authorized  
5 under par. (b) unless the village board adopts a resolution proclaiming its intent to  
6 impose the tax and the resolution is approved by a majority of the electors in the  
7 village voting on the resolution at a referendum, to be held at ~~the first spring primary~~  
8 ~~or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election following authorized under s.  
9 8.065 (2) that follows by at least 70 days the date of adoption of the resolution.

10           **SECTION 144.** 66.1113 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

11           66.1113 (2) (h) The village of Ephraim may enact an ordinance or adopt a  
12 resolution declaring itself to be a premier resort area under par. (a) even if less than  
13 40 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within Ephraim  
14 is used by tourism-related retailers. The village may not impose the tax authorized  
15 under par. (b) unless the village board adopts a resolution proclaiming its intent to  
16 impose the tax and the resolution is approved by a majority of the electors in the  
17 village voting on the resolution at a referendum, to be held at ~~the first spring primary~~  
18 ~~or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election following authorized under s.  
19 8.065 (2) that follows by at least 70 days the date of adoption of the resolution.

20           **SECTION 145.** 67.05 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

21           **SECTION 146.** 67.05 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

22           **SECTION 147.** 67.05 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           67.05 (3) (f) If a special purpose district calls a referendum under this section,  
24 the governing body shall call the referendum to be held in conjunction with ~~a state,~~  
25 ~~county, municipal or judicial~~ an election, the authorized under s. 8.065 (2). The

1 polling places for the ~~state, county, municipal or judicial~~ election shall be the polling  
2 places for the special purpose district referendum and the municipal election hours  
3 shall apply. ~~If no state, county, municipal or judicial election is held on the day of the~~  
4 ~~special purpose district referendum, the governing body of the special purpose~~  
5 ~~district may select the polling places to be used, except as otherwise provided in s.~~  
6 ~~120.06 (9) (b) in the case of a school district. If a polling place located in the special~~  
7 ~~purpose district that was utilized at the most recent spring or general election is not~~  
8 ~~utilized by the special purpose district, the governing body of the special purpose~~  
9 ~~district shall post a notice on the door of the polling place indicating all polling places~~  
10 ~~open for voting.~~ The municipal clerk of each municipality in which a polling place  
11 is located shall provide the necessary equipment to operate the polling place.

12 **SECTION 148.** 67.05 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 67.05 (4) PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM IN COUNTIES. If a county board adopts an  
14 initial resolution for an issue of county bonds to provide for the original construction  
15 or for the improvement and maintenance of highways; to provide railroad aid; or to  
16 construct, acquire, or maintain, or to aid in constructing, acquiring, or maintaining,  
17 a bridge over or across any stream or other body of water bordering upon or  
18 intersecting any part of the county, the county clerk is not required to submit the  
19 resolution for approval to the electors of the county at a ~~special election~~ referendum  
20 unless within 30 days after the adoption thereof there is filed with the clerk a petition  
21 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 requesting such submission, signed by  
22 electors numbering at least ~~10%~~ 10 percent of the votes cast in the county for  
23 governor at the last general election. If a petition is filed, the county board shall hold  
24 the referendum at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2), and the question  
25 submitted shall be whether the resolution shall be or shall not be approved. No such

1 resolution of a county board other than those specified in this subsection need be  
2 submitted to county electors, except as provided otherwise in sub. (7).

3 **SECTION 149.** 67.05 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 67.05 (5) (a) Whenever a town board adopts an initial resolution ~~has been so~~  
5 ~~adopted by the governing body of a town~~, the town clerk of the municipality shall  
6 immediately record the resolution and shall call a ~~special election~~ referendum for the  
7 purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the ~~municipality~~ town for  
8 approval. ~~This paragraph does not apply to bonds issued to finance low-interest~~  
9 ~~mortgage loans under s. 62.237, unless a number of electors equal to at least 15% of~~  
10 ~~the votes cast for governor at the last general election in their town sign and file a~~  
11 ~~petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 with the town clerk requesting~~  
12 ~~submission of the resolution. Whenever a number of electors cannot be determined~~  
13 ~~on the basis of reported statistics, the number shall be determined in accordance~~  
14 ~~with s. 60.74 (6). If a petition is filed, the question submitted shall be whether the~~  
15 ~~resolution shall or shall not be approved or rejection. The referendum shall be held~~  
16 at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2). This paragraph is limited in its scope  
17 by sub. (7).

18 **SECTION 150.** 67.05 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 67.05 (5) (b) 1. and  
19 amended to read:

20 67.05 (5) (b) 1. No city or village may issue bonds for any purposes other than  
21 for water systems; lighting works; gas works; bridges; street lighting; street  
22 improvements; street improvement funding; hospitals; airports; harbor  
23 improvements; river improvements; breakwaters and protection piers; sewerage;  
24 garbage disposal; rubbish or refuse disposal; any combination of sewage, garbage,  
25 or refuse or rubbish disposal; parks and public grounds; swimming pools and band

1 shells; veterans housing projects; paying the municipality's portion of the cost of  
2 abolishing grade crossings; for the construction of police facilities and combined fire  
3 and police safety buildings; for the purchase of sites for engine houses; for fire  
4 engines and other equipment of the fire department; for construction of engine  
5 houses; and for pumps, water mains, reservoirs and all other reasonable facilities  
6 for fire protection apparatus or equipment for fire protection; for parking lots or  
7 other parking facilities; for school purposes; for libraries; for buildings for the  
8 housing of machinery and equipment; for acquiring and developing sites for  
9 industry and commerce as will expand the municipal tax base; subject to subd. 2.,  
10 for financing the cost of low-interest mortgage loans under s. 62.237; for providing  
11 financial assistance to blight elimination, slum clearance, community development,  
12 redevelopment, and urban renewal programs and projects under ss. 66.1105,  
13 66.1301 to 66.1329, and 66.1331 to 66.1337; to issue appropriation bonds under s.  
14 62.62 to pay unfunded prior service liability with respect to an employee retirement  
15 system; or for University of Wisconsin System college campuses, as defined in s.  
16 36.05 (6m), until the proposition for their issue for the special purpose has been  
17 submitted to the electors of the city or village and adopted by a majority vote. Except  
18 as provided under sub. (15), if the common council of a city or the village board of a  
19 village declares its purpose to raise money by issuing bonds for any purpose other  
20 than those specified in this subsection, it shall direct by resolution, which shall be  
21 recorded at length in the record of its proceedings, the clerk to call a ~~special election~~  
22 referendum for the purpose of submitting the question of bonding to the city or  
23 village electors. If The referendum shall be held at an election authorized under s.  
24 8.065 (2).

1        2. If the governing body of a municipality, as defined in s. 62.237 (1) (d), adopts  
2        an initial resolution to issue bonds for financing the cost of low-interest loans under  
3        s. 62.237 and a number of electors of ~~a city or village~~ that municipality equal to at  
4        least ~~15%~~ 15 percent of the votes cast for governor at the last general election in ~~their~~  
5        ~~city or village~~ that municipality sign and file a petition conforming to the  
6        requirements of s. 8.40 with the ~~city or village~~ clerk of that municipality requesting  
7        submission of the resolution, ~~the city or village~~ that municipality may not issue  
8        bonds for financing the cost of low-interest mortgage loans under s. 62.237 without  
9        calling a special election to submit referendum for the purposes of submitting the  
10       question of bonding to the ~~city or village~~ electors of that municipality for their  
11       approval. The referendum shall be held at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

12       **SECTION 151.** 67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

13       67.05 **(6a)** (a) 2. a. Direct the school district clerk to ~~call a special election for~~  
14       ~~the purpose of submitting~~ submit the resolution to the electors for approval or  
15       rejection, ~~or direct that the resolution be submitted at the next regularly scheduled~~  
16       ~~primary or an election to be held~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not earlier  
17       than 45 days after the adoption of the resolution. The resolution shall not be effective  
18       unless adopted by a majority of the school district electors voting at the referendum.

19       **SECTION 152.** 67.05 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20       67.05 **(6m)** (b) If a referendum is to be held on an initial resolution, the district  
21       board shall direct the technical college district secretary to ~~call a special election for~~  
22       ~~the purpose of submitting~~ submit the initial resolution to the electors for ~~a~~  
23       ~~referendum on approval or rejection at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).~~ In  
24       lieu of a special election, the district board may specify that the election be held at

1 ~~the next succeeding spring primary or election or partisan primary or general~~  
2 ~~election.~~

3       **SECTION 153.** 67.10 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4       67.10 (5) (b) Any city having ~~voted~~ approved the issuance of bonds at a special  
5 referendum ~~election~~ held in accordance with s. 8.065 (2) and having sold a portion  
6 thereof may negotiate, sell, or otherwise dispose of the same in the manner provided  
7 by statute within 9 years of the date of the ~~election voting~~ referendum approving the  
8 same.

9       **SECTION 154.** 67.12 (12) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

10       67.12 (12) (e) 2. Unless the purpose and amount of the borrowing have been  
11 approved by the electors under s. 67.05 (6a) or deemed approved by the electors under  
12 s. 67.05 (7) (d) 3., the purpose is to refund any outstanding municipal obligation, the  
13 purpose is to pay unfunded prior service liability contributions under the Wisconsin  
14 retirement system if all of the proceeds of the note will be used for that purpose, the  
15 borrowing would not be subject to a referendum as a bond issue under s. 67.05 (7) (cc),  
16 (h) or (i), or subd. 2g. or par. (f) or (h) applies, the school district clerk shall, within  
17 10 days after a school board adopts a resolution under subd. 1. to issue a promissory  
18 note in excess of \$5,000, publish notice of such adoption as a class 1 notice, under ch.  
19 985. Alternatively, the notice may be posted as provided under s. 10.05. The notice  
20 need not set forth the full contents of the resolution, but shall state the maximum  
21 amount proposed to be borrowed, the purpose thereof, that the resolution was  
22 adopted under this subsection, and the place where, and the hours during which, the  
23 resolution may be inspected. If, within 30 days after publication or posting, a petition  
24 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the school district clerk for a  
25 referendum on the resolution signed by at least 7,500 electors of the district or at

1     least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the number of district electors voting for governor at the last  
2     general election, as determined under s. 115.01 (13), whichever is the lesser, then the  
3     resolution shall not be effective unless adopted by a majority of the district electors  
4     voting at the referendum. The referendum shall be held at an election authorized  
5     under s. 8.065 (2) and called in the manner provided under s. 67.05 (6a), except that  
6     the question which appears on the ballot shall be “Shall .... (name of district) borrow  
7     the sum of \$.... for (state purpose) by issuing its general obligation promissory note  
8     (or notes) under section 67.12 (12) of the Wisconsin Statutes?”.

9             **SECTION 155.** 67.12 (12) (e) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

10            67.12 (12) (e) 5. Within 10 days of the adoption by a technical college district  
11     board of a resolution under subd. 1. to issue a promissory note for a purpose under  
12     s. 38.16 (2), the secretary of the district board shall publish a notice of such adoption  
13     as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985. The notice need not set forth the full contents of  
14     the resolution, but shall state the amount proposed to be borrowed, the method of  
15     borrowing, the purpose thereof, that the resolution was adopted under this  
16     subsection and the place where and the hours during which the resolution is  
17     available for public inspection. If the amount proposed to be borrowed is for building  
18     remodeling or improvement and does not exceed \$1,500,000 or is for movable  
19     equipment, the district board need not submit the resolution to the electors for  
20     approval unless, within 30 days after the publication or posting, a petition  
21     conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the secretary of the district  
22     board requesting a referendum ~~at a special election to be called for that purpose.~~  
23     Such petition shall be signed by electors from each county lying wholly or partially  
24     within the district. The number of electors from each county shall equal at least ~~1.5%~~  
25     1.5 percent of the population of the county as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c). If a

1 county lies in more than one district, the technical college system board shall  
2 apportion the county's population as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c) to the districts  
3 involved and the petition shall be signed by electors equal to the appropriate  
4 percentage of the apportioned population. ~~In lieu of a special election, the~~ The  
5 ~~district board may specify that~~ shall hold the referendum ~~shall be held at the next~~  
6 ~~succeeding spring primary or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election  
7 authorized under s. 8.065 (2). Any resolution to borrow amounts of money in excess  
8 of \$1,500,000 for building remodeling or improvement shall be submitted to the  
9 electors of the district for approval. If a referendum is held or required under this  
10 subdivision, no promissory note may be issued until the issuance is approved by a  
11 majority of the district electors voting at such referendum. The referendum shall be  
12 noticed, called, and conducted under s. 67.05 (6a) insofar as applicable, except that  
13 ~~the notice of special election and ballot need not embody a copy of the resolution and~~  
14 ~~the question which shall appear on the ballot shall be "Shall .... (name of district) be~~  
15 ~~authorized to borrow the sum of \$.... for (state purpose) by issuing its general~~  
16 ~~obligation promissory note (or notes) under section 67.12 (12) of the Wisconsin~~  
17 ~~Statutes?"~~

18 **SECTION 156.** 82.03 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 82.03 (2) (b) The town board, by resolution, submits to the electors of the town  
20 as a referendum at ~~a general or special town~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065  
21 (2) the question of exceeding the limit set under this subsection. A copy of the  
22 resolution shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. The board shall abide by the majority  
23 vote of the electors of the town on the question. The question shall read as follows:

24 Shall the town of .... spend up to \$.... over ...., which is the annual limit of the  
25 product of \$5,000 multiplied by the miles of highway under the jurisdiction of the



1 town measured by the most recent highway mileage for the town, as determined  
2 under section 86.302 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the construction, maintenance,  
3 and repair of its highways and bridges?

4 FOR SPENDING ☐ AGAINST SPENDING ☐

5 **SECTION 157.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections  
7 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to  
8 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained  
9 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) and the information  
10 specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable information in the operating  
11 record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to  
12 the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation and the administrator  
13 of the elections division of the government accountability board to verify the accuracy  
14 of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

15 **SECTION 158.** 86.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 86.21 (2) (a) Before any such toll bridge is constructed or acquired under this  
17 section, a resolution authorizing the construction or acquisition thereof, and  
18 specifying the method of payment therefor, shall be adopted by a majority of the  
19 members of the governing body of such county, town, village, or city at a regular  
20 meeting, after publication of said resolution, as a class 2 notice, under ch. 985. The  
21 resolution shall include a general description of the property it is proposed to acquire  
22 or construct. Any county, town, village, or city constructing or acquiring a toll bridge  
23 under this section may provide for the payment of the same or any part thereof from  
24 the general fund, from taxation, or from the proceeds of either municipal bonds, or  
25 revenue bonds or as otherwise provided by law. Such resolution shall not be effective

1 until 15 days after its passage and publication. If, within said 15 days, a petition  
2 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 ~~is filed with the clerk of such municipality,~~  
3 ~~and filed as provided in s. 8.37,~~ signed by at least 20% 20 percent of the electors  
4 ~~thereof of the municipality, and~~ requesting that the question of acquiring such toll  
5 bridge be submitted to the said electors, such is filed with the clerk of the  
6 municipality as provided in s. 8.37, the question shall be submitted at the next  
7 ~~general or regular municipal election~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that is held not  
8 sooner than 70 days from the date of filing such petition. The question submitted to  
9 the electors shall specify the method of payment for such toll bridge as provided in  
10 the resolution for the acquisition thereof. If no such petition is filed, or if the majority  
11 of votes cast at such referendum election are in favor of the acquisition of such toll  
12 bridge, then the resolution of the governing body for the acquisition of such toll  
13 bridge shall be in effect.

14 **SECTION 159.** 92.11 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 92.11 (4) (c) *Wording of ballot question; procedure.* The county board shall  
16 include the wording of the question to be placed before the electors in the referendum  
17 as a part of the ordinance adopted under this section or the revision to an ordinance  
18 adopted under this section. Upon the adoption of the ordinance or revision the county  
19 board shall forward a copy of the ordinance or revision to the county clerk who shall  
20 cause the question to be placed before the voters of the affected area in the next  
21 ~~spring or general election occurring~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less  
22 than 70 days after the adoption of the ordinance or revision. The form of the ballot  
23 shall correspond substantially to the form prescribed under s. 5.64 (2).

24 **SECTION 160.** 117.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           117.20 (2) The clerk of each affected school district shall publish notice, as  
2           required under s. ~~8.55~~ 10.06 (4), in the territory of that school district. The  
3           procedures for school board elections under s. 120.06 (9), (11), (13), and (14) apply to  
4           a referendum held under this section. The school board and school district clerk of  
5           each affected school district shall each perform, for that school district, the functions  
6           assigned to the school board and the school district clerk, respectively, under those  
7           subsections. The form of the ballot shall correspond to the form prescribed by the  
8           government accountability board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a). The clerk of each  
9           affected school district shall file with the secretary of the board a certified statement  
10          prepared by the school district board of canvassers of the results of the referendum  
11          in that school district.

12           **SECTION 161.** 119.48 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           119.48 (4) (b) The communication shall state the purposes for which the funds  
14           from the increase in the levy rate will be used and shall request the common council  
15           to submit to the voters of the city the question of exceeding the levy rate specified in  
16           s. 65.07 (1) (f) ~~at the September election or a special~~ an election authorized under s.  
17           8.065 (2).

18           **SECTION 162.** 119.48 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           119.48 (4) (c) Upon receipt of the communication, the common council shall file  
20           the communication as provided in s. 8.37 and shall cause the question of exceeding  
21           the levy rate specified under s. 65.07 (1) (f) to be submitted to the voters of the city  
22           ~~at the September election or at a special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).  
23           The question of exceeding the levy rate specified under s. 65.07 (1) (f) shall be  
24           submitted so that the vote upon exceeding the levy rate specified in s. 65.07 (1) (f) is  
25           taken separately from any other question submitted to the voters. If a majority of

1 the electors voting on the question favors exceeding the levy rate specified under s.  
2 65.07 (1) (f), the common council shall approve the increase in the levy rate and shall  
3 levy and collect a tax equal to the amount of money approved by the electors.

4 **SECTION 163.** 119.49 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 119.49 (1) (b) The communication shall state the amount of funds needed under  
6 par. (a) and the purposes for which the funds will be used and shall request the  
7 common council to submit to the voters of the city at the next election ~~held in the city~~  
8 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) the question of issuing school bonds in the amount and  
9 for the purposes stated in the communication.

10 **SECTION 164.** 119.49 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 119.49 (2) Upon receipt of the communication, the common council shall file the  
12 communication as provided in s. 8.37 and shall cause the question of issuing such  
13 school bonds in the stated amount and for the stated school purposes to be submitted  
14 to the voters of the city at the next election ~~held in the city~~ authorized under s. 8.065  
15 (2). The question of issuing such school bonds shall be submitted so that the vote  
16 upon issuing such school bonds is taken separately from any other question  
17 submitted to the voters. If a majority of the electors voting on the school bond  
18 question favors issuing such school bonds, the common council shall cause the school  
19 bonds to be issued immediately or within the period permitted by law, in the amount  
20 requested by the board and in the manner other bonds are issued.

21 **SECTION 165.** 121.91 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 121.91 (3) (a) If a school board wishes to exceed the limit under sub. (2m)  
23 otherwise applicable to the school district in any school year, it shall promptly adopt  
24 a resolution supporting inclusion in the final school district budget of an amount  
25 equal to the proposed excess revenue. The resolution shall specify whether the

1 proposed excess revenue is for a recurring or nonrecurring purpose, or, if the  
2 proposed excess revenue is for both recurring and nonrecurring purposes, the  
3 amount of the proposed excess revenue for each purpose. The resolution shall be filed  
4 as provided in s. 8.37. Within 10 days after adopting the resolution, the school board  
5 shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department and shall notify the  
6 department of the scheduled date of the referendum ~~and submit a copy of the~~  
7 ~~resolution to the department. The school board shall call a special referendum to be~~  
8 called for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the school district  
9 for approval or rejection. ~~In lieu of a special referendum, the school board may~~  
10 ~~specify that the~~ The referendum shall be held at the next succeeding ~~spring primary~~  
11 ~~or election or partisan primary or general election, if such election is to be held~~  
12 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not sooner than 70 days after the filing of  
13 the resolution of the school board. The school district clerk shall certify the results  
14 of the referendum to the department within 10 days after the referendum is held.

15 **SECTION 166.** 197.04 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 197.04 (1) (b) If within either of the 90-day periods described in par. (a) a  
17 petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the clerk of the  
18 municipality as provided in s. 8.37 and the petition has been signed by 5% 5 percent  
19 of the electors of a 1st class city or by 10% 10 percent of the electors of all other  
20 municipalities requesting that the question of discontinuing the proceeding to  
21 acquire the plant or equipment of the public utility be submitted to the electors of the  
22 municipality, the applicable question under par. (c) shall be submitted to the electors  
23 at ~~any general or regular municipal~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that  
24 is held not less than 70 and not more than 75 days from the date of the filing of the  
25 petition. If no general election or regular municipal election is to be held within the

1 ~~stated periods, the governing body of the municipality shall order the holding of a~~  
2 ~~special election, to be held not less than 70 days from the date of filing of the petition,~~  
3 ~~for the purpose of submitting the question to the electors.~~

4 **SECTION 167.** 197.04 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 197.04 (2) The governing body of the municipality may provide for notice of,  
6 the manner of holding, the method of voting on, the method of making returns of, and  
7 the method of canvassing and determining the result of, the election required under  
8 sub. (1). Notice of the election to the electors shall be given by a brief notice of that  
9 fact once a week for 3 weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in  
10 the municipality. If no newspaper of general circulation is published in the  
11 municipality, publication may be made in any newspaper of general circulation in the  
12 county seat of the county in which the municipality is located. ~~The notice of holding~~  
13 ~~any special election shall be incorporated as a part of the notice given under this~~  
14 ~~subsection.~~

15 **SECTION 168.** 197.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 197.10 (2) Such contract when adopted by the common council of said city and  
17 accepted by the owner or owners of such public utility shall be submitted to the public  
18 service commission for its approval and upon such approval the same shall be filed  
19 as provided in s. 8.37 and submitted in such manner as the common council shall  
20 determine to a vote of the electors of such city at the next ~~regular municipal~~ election  
21 ~~or at a special election called for that purpose~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2), and such  
22 contract shall not become binding upon such city until approved by a majority vote  
23 of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon. No bonds shall in any case be  
24 issued by said city under the contract or contracts mentioned in sub. (1), until the

1 proposition of their issue shall have been submitted to the people of such city and  
2 adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

3 **SECTION 169.** 198.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 198.19 (1) Any territory, constituting one or more municipalities contiguous to  
5 a district, may be annexed to and become a part of such district to all intents and  
6 purposes and with like effect as though originally included therein upon such terms  
7 and conditions as the board of directors of the district shall fix by ordinance adopted  
8 by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors-elect, provided that before such  
9 ordinance becomes effective the same shall be accepted and ratified by the  
10 affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors entitled to vote and voting in  
11 a ~~special election~~ referendum called and held for that purpose, at an election  
12 authorized under s. 8.065 (2), in each municipality proposed in such ordinance to be  
13 annexed to the district. Such ordinance shall be published and such election shall  
14 be noticed, held, and conducted, as nearly as may be, in the manner provided by this  
15 chapter for the noticing, holding, and conduct of elections upon the organization of  
16 a municipal power district, except that the returns of such election and the ballots  
17 therein shall be delivered to the clerk of the district. The results of said election shall  
18 be canvassed publicly by the directors of the district.

19 **SECTION 170.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this  
21 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except  
22 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the  
23 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting  
24 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the  
25 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), or to the person to whom the signature relates.

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SECTION 171. 343.027 of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Acts 20 and 2013 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

**343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney, law enforcement agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

**SECTION 172. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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(1) No later than the 20th day following the end of each calendar quarter, the government accountability board and the department of transportation shall each report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the manner provided in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes concerning its progress in implementing an electronic voter registration system. The board and department shall continue to file reports under this subsection until the board determines that implementation is complete and the performance of the system is satisfactory.

**SECTION 173. Fiscal changes.**

(1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1)



(a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the provisions of this act.

(2) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the provisions of this act.

**SECTION 174. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies with respect to registration for voting at the first spring or partisan primary election that follows the effective date of this subsection by at least 6 months.

**SECTION 175. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The repeal and recreation of section 343.027 of the statutes takes effect on the day after publication, or on the date on which the creation of section 343.165 of the statutes by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 takes effect, whichever is later.

**SECTION 176. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to a referendum called or scheduled on the effective date of this subsection.

**SECTION 177. Initial applicability.**

1 (1) The treatment of sections 13.62 (12e), 13.67, 13.68 (1) (bp), and 13.75 (5) of  
2 the statutes, the renumbering and amendment of section 13.62 (1) of the statutes,  
3 and the creation of section 13.62 (1) (b) of the statutes first apply with respect to  
4 reporting periods that begin on or after the effective date of this subsection.

5 (2) The treatment of section 13.63 (1) (a) of the statutes first applies to  
6 applications for a license to act as a lobbyist filed on July 1, 2015.

7 (3) The treatment of sections 19.42 (11s) and 19.45 (8) (b) and (c) of the statutes  
8 first applies to the conduct of a former state public official on the effective date of this  
9 subsection.

10 **SECTION 178. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after  
11 publication, except as follows:

12 (1) The treatment of section 11.21 (16) of the statutes takes effect on the first  
13 day of the 6th month beginning after publication.

14 (END)

Insert 84-9 ✓

Insert 84-13 ✓